



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**Economics and Statistics Administration**  
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Dear Mr. Lipton:

This letter is in response to your correspondence, dated March 25, 2019 to the U.S. Census Bureau's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office. We received your request in this office on March 25, 2019, and have assigned to it tracking number DOC-CEN-2019-000970. We are responding under the FOIA to your request for:

Records related to the funding, staffing, and activities of this FOIA office for the years 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Pursuant to Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 4.4(c), records requested must be described in enough detail to enable Department personnel to locate them with a reasonable amount of effort. If possible, a request should include specific information about each record sought, such as date, title or name, author, recipient, and subject matter of the record. As currently stated, your request, does not clearly describe the records sought, and therefore, does not constitute a proper request, under the FOIA. In particular, please provide sufficient clarification for each record you seek in order for the FOIA office to be able to perform an adequate search for your request. Your current request seeks various information but does not detail necessary specifics for our office to adequately search for a response.

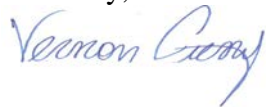
We are more than happy to assist you with your request. However, as indicated above, additional information is needed in order to search for responsive documents. Please clarify your request by providing additional information and describing in detail the records, you seek. If necessary, for assistance, please feel free to contact Nicole Alexander or Deloris Reed of my staff, by telephone at (301) 763-2127 or by email at [census.foia@census.gov](mailto:census.foia@census.gov), or our office in writing at:

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If a clarification of your request or other communication is not received within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter, your FOIA request will be considered "closed."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vernon E. Curry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'V' and 'C'.

Vernon E. Curry, PMP, CIPP/G  
Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Officer  
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